

CONGRATULATING PASTOR
ARTHUR JACKSON, III

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. MEEK OF Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Pastor Arthur Jackson, III on his 19th anniversary of pastoral ministry in service to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City, Florida.

A native of South Florida, Pastor Jackson was born to Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Jackson, Jr. on May 5, 1964. Pastor Jackson was licensed as a Minister on October 9, 1988, at the New Shiloh Missionary Baptist church in Miami, Florida where he served as an Associate Minister under the leadership of his father, Rev. Arthur Jackson, Jr.

Pastor Jackson became Senior Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City on March 8, 1991. Under his leadership, the Church has grown from the "Faithful Fifty" members to a blossoming ministry of over 7,000 that continues to grow at record pace.

To accommodate the tremendous membership growth, several phases of building expansions have been realized under the direction of Pastor Jackson. Phase One, a 17,500 square foot Worship Center, has already been completed. Another building project is in the planning and design stages and should be completed within the next three years. This project will add an additionally 126,000 square feet to the Worship Compound. The Church has 75 established ministries.

Often sought over much of the United States as an evangelist, speaker and lecturer, Pastor Jackson often travels to spread "Good News of the Gospel." His radio broadcast can be heard weekly on WMBM-AM 1490 in Miami, Florida. He is married to Jacquaneise Jackson. They are blessed with one daughter, Jaden.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

RECOGNIZING SISTER DAMIAN
MURPHY'S SERVICE TO GOD AND
HIS PEOPLE AS SHE CONCLUDES
HER MINISTRY AT CHRISTUS ST.
MICHAEL HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today in honor of a dear woman of God, and my friend Sister Damian Murphy, Vice President of Mission Integration at Christus St. Michael Health System in Texarkana, Texas.

A native of County Cork, Ireland, Sister Damian joined the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in 1950. She graduated from Sacred Heart Dominican College in Houston, TX, with a B.S. in Nursing and holds a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from the University of Houston, Clear Lake City.

She also completed one year of intensive study in theology at the School of Applied Theology, Berkeley, CA; one year of study in pastoral ministry at St. Madeleine Sophie Center for the Mentally Underdeveloped in El Cajon, CA; and study in clinical pastoral education from St. John's Regional Medical Center, Oxnard, CA.

She joined the St. Michael Pastoral Ministry staff in July of 1991, and has since impacted the lives of many patients, their family members, physicians, associates, volunteers, board members, and area residents. Her role developed into that of Vice President of Mission Integration, where she daily reaffirms to staff and community the mission of Christus St. Michael which is extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Sister Damian's career has been expansive and varied to include areas of patient care, management, and education. Her professional experience prior to joining the Christus St. Michael team included Director of Critical Care Nursing at St. Joseph, Houston, and Administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Houston.

Her ministerial and civic contributions in Texarkana and the surrounding area will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, I have been extremely blessed by knowing this wonderful lady and I ask that you and the rest of my colleagues join me in congratulating and honoring Sister Damian Murphy as she enters into retirement and new ministry opportunities.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL
ADVOCATES (CASA)

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a very special non-profit organization in my district, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), who celebrates 25 years of being the voice for abused and neglected children in Orange County.

Founded in 1985, CASA of Orange County is dedicated to providing quality intervention and advocacy services for children who are caught up in the courts and unable to safely live at home—many of whom are abused, abandoned and neglected children.

CASA of Orange County began with 15 volunteers and now has over 700 volunteers serving as mentors and advocates for child abuse victims.

In Orange County, on any given day, there are over 2,500 children and teens in foster care who have been removed from their homes due to chronic or severe abuse.

In a sea of social workers, attorneys, therapists and caregivers, it's the court appointed volunteer who is a consistent and caring friend and advocate for the child.

I want to commend CASA's volunteers and staff who are heroes to many of these children.

Thank you for your compassion and commitment to positively influencing the lives of these very special children—one child at a time.

DRILLING MORATORIUM—NOT SO
FAST

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in response to the BP oil spill, Secretary Salazar ordered a prohibition for the Minerals Management Service from issuing any new offshore drilling permits including both shallow water and deep water offshore drilling. While it is important to fully determine the cause of any accident of this magnitude, and learn from the mistakes, the unintended consequences of this wide ranging ruling are far reaching. I believe that a ban on new permits for both shallow water and deepwater drilling is an over-reaction that has the potential to cause widespread economic damage to the Gulf Coast.

Shallow water drilling is fundamentally different from deep water drilling, and has operated in the Gulf safely for 60 years. First of all, drilling in shallow waters is primarily for natural gas. The oil remaining in these reservoirs has been largely produced, so it is at lower pressures than the oil found at deeper depths. Second, the blowout preventers in shallow water drilling are located above the sea surface, as opposed to the sea floor with deep water drilling. So, most of the problems we have seen with the blowout preventer in the BP spill would not be present in shallow water drilling.

Additionally, water temperatures are warmer in shallow water, and relief wells can be drilled much quicker and easier than in deeper water. The bottom line is that shallow water and deep water drilling are fundamentally different—yet this prohibition treats them the same.

For these reasons, I believe the Secretary of the Interior should allow new drilling permits to be issued for shallow water drilling in the Gulf immediately. Swift action is imperative, as up to 50 drilling rigs will complete wells in the next six weeks and will be unable to accept new work as long as the current ban on new permits is in effect. Additionally, shallow water drilling wells operate on a much shorter time frame for permitting than deep water wells, sometimes as little as 30–60 days. Therefore, it will be the shallow water drilling that is the most adversely affected in the short term by this ban on new permitting.

With over 180,000 Americans directly employed in the oil and gas and mining industries along the Gulf Coast, the prospect for severe economic hardship is very real. This hardship will only be compounded by the already high unemployment rates found along the Gulf Coast and throughout our country. In Port Arthur, Texas, unemployment is hovering around 15 percent.

Additionally, offshore crude production accounts for around 30 percent of total U.S. crude oil production, so it is vital to our energy supply that safe offshore drilling resume as quickly as possible. We cannot afford to give up a source of domestic energy and American jobs at this time. I urge Secretary Salazar to immediately lift the ban on new permitting for shallow water drilling.

And that's just the way it is.